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Attached are listings of broadcasts or broadcast segments, which, in the station's judgment, reflect the station's most significant programming treatment of ascertained community issues during the preceding three-month period.

WBZ-TV broadcasts both locally produced and network programming. Although we include primarily local programs herein, WBZ-TV broadcasts several network programs, including Face The Nation, 60 Minutes, and 48 Hours, which we believe also serve community needs and interests.

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I-Team Reports – Reporters Kathy Curran and Joe Shortsleeve provide an investigative look at major institutions and events within the viewing area. Issues related to government, politics, big business, financial issues, corruption and crime are explored in-depth during the station's newscasts. Duration: range from two minutes to four minutes. Air: Monday - Friday, 5pm, 6pm and 11pm.

Healthwatch – Medical Reporter Dr. Mallika Marshall reports on recent developments and potential treatments in medicine. Duration: one minute and thirty seconds. Air: Monday - Friday, 5pm, 6pm and 11pm.

“Centro” – Regularly scheduled news interview broadcast segment providing an in-depth exploration of issues concerning the Latino community with host Yadires Nova-Salcedo. Duration: four minutes and thirty seconds. Air: Saturday, 7:50am and Sunday, 7:25am.

“What's in Our Community” (New) – A 4-minute feature segment that airs within the 30-minute “What's in Store” program. “What's in Store” is a half hour program that highlights businesses and entrepreneurs in the region. The “What's in Our Community” piece features the outstanding work of a local charity and/or community outreach organization. Duration: 4-minutes within thirty-minute program. Air: Sunday, 11:00am.

Keller At Large – Political Analyst Jon Keller interviews local politicians and community leaders to create dialogue about current events and issues of importance to New England citizens. Duration: eight minutes. Air: Sunday, 8:45am.

Curiosity – is an on-going series where we ask viewers: What intrigues you? What interests you? What confuses you? Simply put, WBZ-TV is curious about what our viewers are curious about. Viewers go to www.declareyourcuriosity.com to let us know and they just may find their curiosities have made their way on to WBZ-TV. Duration: 2 minutes. Air: Monday-Friday 5pm, 6pm, 11pm.

"Wednesday's Child" - News anchor Jack Williams is successfully increasing public awareness of the needs of children waiting for adoptive families. These children are primarily school-aged children, children of color of all ages, sibling groups and children who face intellectual, physical or emotional challenges. Duration: 2-3 minutes. Air: Wednesday 6pm.

I-Team Reports

1/7/09 11pm I-Team's Kathy Curran reported that photoelectric smoke alarms are more sensitive to smoldering, smoky fires. An estimated 90% of American homes, however, are equipped with ionization smoke alarms better at detecting flames.

1/14/09 11pm I-Team's Joe Shortsleeve launched an investigation that found a patchwork of security systems at Boston's Logan Airports, and that makes it easy for luggage to be lost or stolen.

1/22/09 11pm I-Team's Kathy Curran exposed a foreclosure rescue scheme and tracked down the man (John Seigler) who many accuse of ripping them off and stealing their homes.

1/27/09 11pm I-Team's Kathy Curran investigated food service conditions at some of the Bay State's sports venues. Are they unsanitary? According to 2008 Health Inspections reports, TD Banknorth Garden had 54 violations over two inspections but have since complied, and Gillette Stadium had none.

1/29/09 11pm I-Team's Kathy Curran reported that spending on service and repairs to the entire Boston Fire Department's fleet of trucks has doubled over the last three years, according to city records. The information from the spending report came just weeks after Ladder 26 careened out of control and slammed into a building killing a firefighter.

2/12/09 11pm I-Team's Kathy Curran discovered that the City of Boston is cracking down harder than ever on parking violators. With millions of dollars in parking fees owed to the city, officials plan to go all out and collect the fines that are critical to the city's operating budget.

2/18/09 11pm After a three month investigation, I-Team's Joe Shortsleeve exposed a MBTA Police Officer in the canine unit who skipped critical training sessions, got paid even though he was a no-show, lied about his actions, and was subject to investigation by MBTA Police internal affairs. The officer has resigned as a result of the I-Team's investigation.

3/5/09 11pm How safe is your school's cafeteria? I-Team's Joe Shortsleeve randomly selected 17 communities across the market, examined hundreds of pages of public health inspections reports, revisited the schools, and found many cafeterias are in violation again and again.

3/6/09 11pm I-Team's Kathy Curran discovered that the remains of two World War II veterans were abandoned and left in dark closets and basements in funeral homes, and the investigation revealed there are hundreds like them. The Missing in America project has been set up to recover the remains and organize proper burials for passed veterans.

3/8/09 11pm I-Team's Kathy Curran investigated a church group looking to settle in Quincy and why some area residents are against it. The Center of Light wants to worship in Quincy, but some group practices have spurred criticism with some calling the group a "destructive cult."

3/9/09 11pm I-Team's Joe Shortsleeve learned some Massachusetts bars are running their own illegal, mini casinos, and the State's Alcohol Beverage Control Commission is on a mission to shut down these lucrative criminal operations.

3/12/09 11pm I-Team's Kathy Curran revealed the deadly dangers of tiny button batteries, like the ones found in musical greeting cards, if they are swallowed by a child.

3/16/09 11pm I-Team's Joe Shortsleeve found that some of the region's wealthiest and respected institutions, like Harvard and Children's Hospital, are not paying their water bills on time, and late costs are being passed on to citizens.

3/18/09 11pm I-Team's Kathy Curran discovered DPW in Quincy, MA are getting paid for doing very little while the city is struggling financially and having to cut community services.

3/20/09 11pm I-Team's Kathy Curran exposed Quincy, MA Department of Public Works (DPW) employees doing very little public works while they were on the clock. As a result, Quincy city officials have launched their own investigation as say violators will face disciplinary action.

3/23/09 11pm I-Team's Kathy Curran discovers that state agency Massport is paying hundreds of thousands of dollars on employees' dry cleaning. How can an agency crying "poor mouth" looking to raise fees for services think money should be spent on dry cleaning?

3/30/09 11pm I-Team's Kathy Curran exposes serious living code violations at the properties of one of Boston's biggest landlords, and she alerts the Boston Department of Inspectional Services to see what can be done to help tenants and prevent others from having to live in such horrible conditions.

Healthwatch Reports

1/2/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on how people who are on diets may be more susceptible to getting the flu.

1/5/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on a new study which finds obesity increases women's risk of developing ovarian cancer.

1/6/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on how doctors are performing new bladder surgery where they take out a cancerous bladder and use part of the intestine to create a new bladder.

1/8/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on how Claudia Humira and Jerry Scandiffio of Next Step Prosthetics of Newton, MA are giving a free prosthetic leg to a Rwanda orphan. Also in Healthwatch, a new study finds that having elective C-sections more than two weeks before due date may be riskier for mothers and babies than previously thought.

1/9/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on a new study which finds that deep brain stimulation is effective in reducing symptoms in some Parkinson's patients.

1/12/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on a baby born in England who was the first infant to be screened for genetic mutations for breast cancer.

1/13/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on a new study which finds that Vicks VapoRub may cause respiratory problems in some infants.

1/14/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on a FDA review that finds no link between Singular and suicide risk but says more study is needed.

1/15/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on how surgeons perform an operation to separate conjoined twins.

1/16/09 5pm Healthwatch reported an update on the conjoined twins who underwent surgery.

1/19/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on a new report that finds the number of severe, first heart attacks are down approximately 30% over the past decade.

1/20/09 6pm Healthwatch talked to a local neurologist, Dr. Betsy Sherry of Mount Auburn Hospital, about the possible medical reasons why Sen. Edward Kennedy collapsed during the Inaugural ceremonies.

1/21/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on how Harvard researchers have developed a new topical cream that can block the herpes infection. Also in Healthwatch, a new study recommends that all mothers get the whooping cough vaccine to protect babies before taking them home from hospital.

1/23/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on how researchers have received approval to begin embryonic stem cell research.

1/26/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on how a new study finds that some breast cancer patients may not need to remove the other healthy breast to prevent cancer from spreading.

1/27/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on how Mass General doctors are performing new microsphere therapy to treat patients with inoperable liver cancer.

1/28/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on how a FDA review finds that chemical called Bisphenol A found in many plastic products may linger in the body longer than previously thought. Also in Healthwatch, a new study finds that cutting calories can improve memory in older people.

1/29/08 5pm Healthwatch reported on a new study which found that women with high levels of chemicals called PFC's in their bodies may take longer to get pregnant. Also in Healthwatch, a new study by Boston University finds that babies who are born more than three months premature are more likely to show signs of autism at age two.

2/2/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on how many Massachusetts teenagers are taking vitamins that they may not need.

2/3/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on a new glaucoma drug called Latisse which has been approved by the FDA to help eyelashes grow longer.

2/4/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on local businessman Philip Ragon who is donating \$100 million dollars to start a new aids vaccine research institute which will include researchers from Mass General Hospital, MIT, and Harvard.

2/5/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on a new study which finds getting enough Vitamin D during pregnancy and as a child may lower the risk of developing multiple sclerosis.

2/9/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on new state report which says Mass General Hospital in Boston and St. Vincent's Hospital in Worcester have seen increases in heart patient deaths.

2/10/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on a new dating service which uses people's DNA to help them find suitable matches. Also in Healthwatch, a two-year-old girl from Panama receives a free heart operation at Mass General Hospital thanks to Gift-of-Life program run by the Rotary Club.

2/11/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on how local families and doctors are waiting for the FDA to approve an anti-seizure drug, Sabrile.

2/12/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on how taking the bone drug, Zometa, could help prevent breast cancer recurrence.

2/13/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on a new study which finds that secondhand smoke can increase the risk of dementia and that obesity raises the risk of migraines.

2/16/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on how experts still recommend mammograms and ultrasounds for breast cancer screenings and say that MRI's should only be done in select cases.

2/17/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on how doctors are performing a new high-definition lipo procedure where they sculpt stomach fat to look like abdominals.

2/18/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on how researchers have halted a study on the drug Tibolone because it may increase the risk of recurrence in breast cancer patients.

2/19/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on how researchers at Boston University have found that people who have the Alzheimer's gene, and whose parents also have dementia, may see the effects on memory up to 20-years before previously thought.

2/20/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on how British scientists may have developed a new treatment that can eliminate peanut allergies in some patients.

2/23/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on how Calcium may help lower the risk of cancer, Vitamin D may help prevent colds, and Vitamin B may prevent macular degeneration.

2/24/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on how researchers at Boston University are recruiting patients to test a new drug that may actually slow progression of Alzheimer's.

2/25/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on how the baldness drug, Propecia, may help prevent prostate cancer. Also in Healthwatch, a new study finds working long hours can cause mental decline.

2/26/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on how making lifestyle changes such as exercising, eating healthy and maintaining a healthy weight could help prevent a third of certain cancers.

2/27/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on how a new study finds that caffeine may help fight skin cancer.

3/1/09 5pm Researchers at U-Mass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester have discovered a gene linked to ALS that could someday lead to better treatments for the disease.

3/3/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on how new protocol has doubled the number of heart transplants being performed at Mass. General hospital.

3/4/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on a new study which finds that Americans are exposed to seven times as much radiation now mainly due to medical tests. Also in Healthwatch, cutting calories can help improve memory.

3/5/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on how the FDA is issuing a warning that people should remove drug patches before having an MRI.

3/6/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on how local researchers at Whitehead Institute have developed a new way of creating stem cells.

3/9/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on how President Obama signed the bill allowing federal funding for stem cell research.

3/10/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on how Saints Medical Center in Lowell is now using GPS-guided radiation for prostate cancer patients.

3/11/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on a new study which finds that cutting salt intake can help lower blood pressure.

3/12/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on a new study which finds neck size may be linked to heart attack risk.

3/13/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on a new study which find traces of formaldehyde and another chemical in several popular baby bath products.

3/17/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on how scientists have developed new way of preventing peanut allergies. Also in Healthwatch, actor Terrence Howard visits a local housing project to raise awareness about colon cancer after his mother died of disease.

3/18/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on head injuries after actress Natasha Richardson is injured during skiing accident.

3/19/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on how local advocates say the number of shaken baby cases has doubled due to bad economy, and they are calling on the State to continue funding for programs to prevent shaken baby syndrome.

3/20/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on how researchers have discovered the gene responsible for converting carbohydrates into fat.

3/23/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on a new study which finds red meat consumption is linked to increased risk of cancer, heart disease, and other conditions.

3/24/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on how eating certain foods and supplements can help protect your vision.

3/25/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on how men who eat fish have a lower risk of developing aggressive prostate cancer.

3/26/09 5pm In the House Call feature of Healthwatch, Dr. Marshall answered viewers' questions about pneumonia, potassium, and the health risks associated with head-banging.

3/27/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on a new study which finds that drinking extremely hot tea raises the risk of throat cancer.

3/30/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on a new Harvard study which found that babies who gain weight rapidly in first six months may be more prone to become obese as toddlers.

3/31/09 5pm Healthwatch reported on how new websites allow people to bet against each other in order to lose weight.

Ethnic Relations – “Centro”

1/3/09 Sol y Canto is a local Latin music group was created back in 1994 and has since won three Boston music awards. Their music is described as joyful, passionate, playful and honest. Yadires Nova-Salcedo spoke with Rosi Amador the lead singer of Sol y Canto.

1/10/09 There is an organization that's building the next generation of Latino leaders in business, non-profits, government and education called "Conexion." WBZ's Yadires Nova-Salcedo interviewed Executive Director Phyllis Barajas.

1/17/09 The issue of foreclosures continues to be a big problem, and minority communities are being hit the hardest. Many local Latinos continue to loose their homes. WBZ's Yadires Nova-Salcedo interviewed Timothy Warren Jr., Chief Executive Officer at The Warren Group financial services.

1/24/09 WBZ's Yadires Nova-Salcedo interviews Catherine Nelson, Tri-Chair of the Massachusetts College Goal Sunday, an event to assist minority students with securing financial aid for college.

1/31/09 On January 20th, Americans and people all around the world watched as our new President Barack Obama got sworn into office. This was a historic moment in American history! For the first time, we have an African American as President of this great nation. On this edition of "Centro" Yadires Nova-Salcedo talked with Dr. Maria Idali Torres, Director of the Mauricio Gaston Institute at UMass Boston about this historic event and what will be expected of President Obama.

2/7/09 In May of 2004, a weekly Spanish language newspaper called "El Planeta" was launched here in New England. Now with a circulation of 50,000 free copies, "El Planeta" has been sold to Phoenix Media/Communications Group. WBZ's Yadires Nova-Salcedo talked about the sale and where the paper is headed with Phoenix Media President Bradley Mindich and "El Planeta's" former Publisher and Co-Founder Javier Marin.

2/14/09 Dara Torres is a five-time U.S. Olympic swimmer, which marks the most ever for an American swimmer, and she has won a total of 12 Olympic medals, including the last 3 silver medals she won at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. Dara is now a National PTA (Parent Teacher Association) Ambassador. WBZ's Yadires Nova-Salcedo spoke via satellite with Torres about this new role.

2/21/09 WBZ's Yadires Nova-Salcedo talks with Jordan Coriza, from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health about Governor Deval Patrick's "Mass In Motion" health and fitness initiative.

2/28/09 Studies show that milk is one of the best sources of calcium and it also includes 8 other important vitamins and nutrients our body needs. These studies also show that Hispanics are not including enough milk in their diets. Because of this, a new wellness campaign has recently been launched, to inform the Latino community about the benefits of drinking milk every day. WBZ's Yadires Nova-Salcedo spoke via satellite with nutritionist Su-Nui Escobar.

3/7/09 “Promissa” is a singing group of three sisters who were definitely born to sing! Their main mission is to empower young Latinos with their inspirational music. All three were born here in the US and raised in the Dominican Republic, where they started their singing careers when they were just kids. WBZ's Yadires Nova-Salcedo interviewed one of the young ladies, Milca Matos, about the group's success.

3/14/09 “Centro” examines a new financial relief initiative that was created by the Action for Boston Community Development Agency (ABCD), which offers free financial advice and health check-up. WBZ's Yadires Nova-Salcedo talks with Vernetta Allen, Director of ABCD's Financial Futures Initiative.

3/21/09 To preserve and promote Latino art is the main goal of the “Center for Latino Arts” or “Casa de la Cultura” in Boston. On Saturday, March 28th, they are having a special gala event called “Cultura Viva” where they will celebrate Latino art, and Yadires Nova-Salcedo spoke with “Casa de la Cultura's” Director, Javier Torres.

3/28/09 There is a summer program that's making a big difference in the lives of young inner-city kids living in East Boston, Chelsea, Lynn and Revere. This free program teaches them things like math, science, geometry and get this... it also teaches them how to sail. Yadires Nova-Salcedo spoke with Mat Rosa, Executive Director of the Piers Park Youth Sailing Program.

Public Affairs - “What’s in Our Community”

3/8/09 Angel Flight NE is “What’s in Our Community.” Headquartered in North Andover MA, Angel Flight serves the courageous men, women, children and their families who have an incredible will to live. Volunteer pilots fly free of charge those who turn to Angel Flight for help in getting to hospitals to receive much needed medical care.

3/15/09 The Women’s Lunch Place is “What’s in Our Community.” For over 25 years, the Women's Lunch Place located in a church on Newbury Street has been a daytime community in Boston for poor and homeless women and their children. They are open six days a week, year-round, to offer food, friendship, and a full spectrum of advocacy and support services to each of their guests.

3/22/09 The Fishing Academy is “What’s in Our Community.” This month (March) marks The Fishing Academy’s 5th anniversary, and since its launch in 2004 more than 2000 youngsters have participated in programs that not only catch dinner but build character. At a time when the economy has forced an end to many school initiatives and electives, The Fishing Academy offers after school and summer outings designed to teach teamwork, discipline, respect, self-esteem, and more by participating in fishing trips across New England’s great outdoors.

3/29/09 Artists for Humanity is “What’s in Our Community.” The Artists For Humanity (AFH) mission is to bridge economic, racial and social divisions by providing underserved youth with the keys to self-sufficiency through paid employment in the arts. AFH celebrates the talents and wonderful energy of young people by giving them hands-on experiences in creativity, business, teamwork, and self-governance.

Politics – Keller At Large Sunday Interview

1/4/09 Political analyst John Henning discusses the year ahead in national and local politics, including potential impact of the recession on budgets and the state of the two-party system.

1/11/09 Michael Ross, newly-elected president of the Boston City Council, discusses his role as leader of the council and community issues including the local economy, crime prevention, and future plans for commercial development on the Boston Common.

1/18/09 State Treasurer Tim Cahill discusses the state budget deficit, condition of state pension funds, and the status of state lottery revenues.

1/25/09 Political analyst John Henning discusses President Obama’s inaugural address and the prospects for bi-partisan action in Congress this session.

2/1/09 Newly-elected House Speaker Robert DeLeo (D-Winthrop) discusses his leadership style, the need for ethics reform in state government, and the potential need for budget cuts and tax hikes.

2/8/09 Lt. Gov. Tim Murray (D-Worcester) discusses the progress of ethics and pension reform on Beacon Hill, the state’s plans for dealing with rising unemployment, and his own political future.

2/15/09 Charles Baker, CEO of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, discusses the progress of the state’s universal health care law and his own potential run for governor.

2/22/09 Jim O’Sullivan, senior reporter for the State House News Service, discusses how Beacon Hill is reacting to mounting budget and economic problems and a wave of ethical violations.

3/1/09 US Rep. Steven Lynch (D-9th District) discusses the Obama administration’s handling of the economy and a move to reform the way companies are unionized (card-check legislation).

3/8/09 State Treasurer Tim Cahill discusses his call for the introduction of slot machines into Massachusetts to ease state revenue woes.

3/15/09 Boston City Councilor Michael Flaherty discusses crime, city budget problems, and his candidacy for mayor of Boston.

3/22/09 Senate President Therese Murray (D-Plymouth) discusses transportation reform, budget cuts, and the balance of power on Beacon Hill.

3/29/09 Political analyst John Henning discusses recent uproar over patronage hirings by Gov. Deval Patrick and prospects for transportation and ethics reform.

Curiosity

1/9/09 6pm Viewers are curious – well, the 4th graders in Lynn, MA are curious - why is it so cold in outer space? WBZ-TV looks into it and Meteorologist Ken Barlow says it's cold in space because there are no "particles" in space to soak up the sun's heat.

1/12/09 5pm Viewers are curious – why isn't Bernard Madoff behind bars yet? WBZ-TV looked into it and discovered the judge let Madoff stay out of jail because he didn't feel Madoff was a threat to the community.

1/15/09 11pm Viewers are curious – Why are tunnels wired for cell phones when people are not supposed to use cell phones while driving? State transportation officials say it's for emergencies only so drivers don't get trapped in a tunnel without a way to call for help.

1/16/09 11pm Viewers are curious – What's with the 'Bawston' accent? WBZ-TV looked into this and found we "can blame the Brits"...the accent is derived from the English accent.

1/21/09 11pm Viewers are curious – Where is the Federal Government getting all the bailout money? WBZ-TV's Joe Shortsleeve found out that government "has cranked up the printing press" and spend money the government doesn't really have.

1/27/09 5pm Viewers are curious – Why have I seen so many Robins lately...is spring coming early? WBZ-TV Chief Meteorologist Ken Barlow looked into this and found that it is true that the Robin population is large this spring, but spring weather is not coming early.

1/28/09 11pm Viewers are curious – Why not impose a Sin Tax rather than a Gas Tax? WBZ-TV looked into this and found that applying a Sin Tax to alcohol and tobacco will force consumers to cross the border to NH to buy these items.

2/04/09 11pm Viewers are curious – Why do government officials accept money from lobbyists at all? WBZ-TV looked into this and found out that Massachusetts laws are quite lenient, and politicians are not acting outside of rules when taking funds...even if it may appear inappropriate to citizens.

2/05/09 5pm Viewers are curious – Why is the sky blue? WBZ-TV Chief Meteorologist tells a local 3rd grader that particles in the atmosphere catch and reflect the color blue the best.

2/10/09 11pm. Viewers are curious – Why are we bailing out companies and executives who got us into this mess...shouldn't the money go to regular folks? One local economist says "yes"...we should bail out the citizens and not the companies.

2/13/09 11pm Viewers are curious – Why are movie snacks so expensive? WBZ-TV looked into this and found that movie snacks cost more to cover the costs of making the films and reimburse the studios.

2/16/09 6pm Viewers are curious – Where do the red Sox players stay when they are at Spring training? Well, most rent condos and some stay in hotels.

2/17/09 11pm Viewers are curious – Why do phone calls to the Unemployment Office take so long. WBZ found out it has to do with the highest demand in years. Be patient and persistent.

2/20/09 11pm Viewers are curious – Why isn't the economy turning around? WBZ-TV's Jonathan Elias talked to local economists who said Wall Street and investors are lacking confidence, and the stimulus package will take months to be effective.

2/25/09 11pm Viewers are curious – Why do some politicians get such huge pensions? WBZ-TV's Joe Shortsleeve reports that pensions are calculated according to a politician's highest earning years, and workers do make contributions to pension funds. But the public calls for reform.

3/3/09 11pm Viewers are curious – Are both Green and Red license plates valid in the state? Despite wide spread confusion, even at the RMV, both plates colors are valid.

3/13/09 11pm Viewers are curious – Why are toll takers paid so much money? Toll collectors interviewed say they are paid well because of the dangerous work environment...deservedly.

3/15/09 11pm Viewers are curious – How do I know when my license expires without renewal notices? Reminder notices have been cut in Massachusetts, but drivers should know their license expires every five years on the driver's birthday.

3/17/09 11pm Viewers are curious – Why are credit card fees increasing even if you pay on time? Fees are being imposed across the board to cover late and delinquent payments, and credit card companies are within their right to do it...read the fine print.

3/25/09 11pm Viewers are curious – Should lawmakers get paid for their commute? David Wade finds the public "doesn't like it," but the state does pay saying it helps legislators who have long commutes cover costs.

3/30/09 11pm Viewers are curious – Why are gas prices rising? Christina Hager discovers the price hike is to help refineries maintain operation and not shut down because on no profits.

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